



Surfside Town Gazette

March 2008

Mayor's View



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I write my message to you this month, I do so knowing that it very well could be my last. Given that, I want to thank each and every one of you for the tremendous support you have given me and our Commission over the last two years. Working for you has been a wonderfully rewarding experience and I hope that all of Surfside has felt as though our Town has taken steps in the right direction.

Clearly, the issues at hand are significant, but none are more front and center than the Community Center project and the new proposed Planning and Zoning Code.

And while I've written umpteen drafts of this month's message, I continue to find myself reminded of the fact that this part of the Gazette, the Mayor's view, was almost taken
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ELECTION NOTICE

The Town's Commission election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2008**. The Qualification period closed on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.



The below listed persons (in alphabetical order) are declared candidates for the following seats:



Mayoral Seat	Mark Blumstein Charles W. Burkett (Incumbent)
Seat # 1	Joseph Graubart Howard S. Weinberg (Incumbent)
Seat # 4	Elizabeth Calderon Randi F. MacBride

Seat # 2	Marc Imberman – Unopposed – Automatically Elected
Seat # 3	Steven Levine – Unopposed – Automatically Elected

Surfside Residents and Business Owners Are Invited To Attend A PUBLIC RECEPTION to MEET THE TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATES

Monday, March 24, 2008
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall
Commission Chambers
Refreshments will be served

Town Manager Candidate INTERVIEWS

Tuesday, March 25, 2008
Interviews begin at 1:00 p.m.
Town Hall
Commission Chambers

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CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH 18, 2008 ELECTION



Please note that the following biographical information was provided by each candidate and the Town of Surfside is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of its contents.

MAYORAL SEAT



Mark Blumstein

Mark Blumstein has resided in Surfside since 2000, served as its Town Commissioner since 2006, and continues to serve our country and community as a JAG Officer in the United States Navy. Mark is the Commission's liaison to the Town's P & Z Board.

Prior to his election, Mark volunteered to serve on the Town's Community Center Review Committee; Team Surfside; and with the Miami-Dade County School Board. Mark and his wife Dalia are active in the PTA at Bay Harbor Elementary, currently attended by their sons, Joel & Allen, to be joined by their sister Eva shortly.

A Miami native, Mark attended North Beach Elementary, Nautilus Junior High and graduated from Miami Beach Senior High in 1987. He graduated with a Finance degree from the University of Florida in 1991, and Magna Cum Laude with a Law degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1996.

Professionally, Commissioner Blumstein is a Shareholder at the law firm of Gordon, Hargrove & James, P.A., and served as Chair of the Florida Bar's Military Affairs Committee. He has experience in banking and management; is bilingual in English and Spanish; and has spoken at symposiums and legal conferences, as well as before the general public.

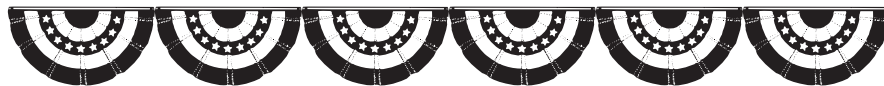
MAYORAL SEAT



Charles W. Burkett

Charles W. Burkett (Incumbent), 46, was born in Miami Beach and moved to Surfside in 1995. Charles graduated from the University of Miami and began as a preservationist, renovating art-deco properties on Miami Beach. The Federal Government has recognized many of his properties as Historic Renovation Projects. Development and preservation through the restoration of older and historic properties is his only occupation. He served as a Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Board Member and Chairman of its Code Enforcement Committee for years.

He served on Miami Beach's Nuisance Abatement and Community Development Block Grant Boards, allocating federal monies to organizations like Meals on Wheels and Log Cabin Nursery for the disabled. He served as Commissioner of the Miami Beach Housing Authority for eight years, including four as Chairman, where he managed a \$22 million budget and staff of 40. He was a founder supporter of the Surfside Coalition following the elections of 2004, and has been active with the Miami Beach Police Athletic League and Citizens Police Academy. Charles is the proud single father of William Michael Burkett, 4 and is completing his first term as the Mayor of the Town of Surfside.



SEAT #1



Joseph Graubart

Joseph Graubart was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and has lived in Surfside since childhood when his parents, Samuel and Shirley, and brother David moved here in 1956. He attended Bay Harbor Islands Elementary School, and has also served there as an adult volunteer. Joe is an alumnus of Nautilus Junior High School and Miami Beach Senior High. He received a Bachelors Degree from Florida International University in 1975.

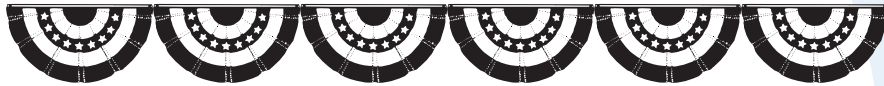
During his college years at FIU, Joe opened a gift shop on the coast of Maine, and eventually owned gift shops for 25 years on the coasts of Maine and New Hampshire seasonally (Memorial Day - Labor Day), while living in Surfside the remainder of the year. About six years ago, Joe returned to live in Surfside year 'round, to help care for his mother. He was Chairman of the Town of Surfside Planning and Zoning Board for four years, serving two different Mayoral administrations.

SEAT #1**Howard S. Weinberg**

Howard S. Weinberg (Incumbent) was born in Connecticut and has lived in South Florida for over 20 years. Mr. Weinberg earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami, a Master's Degree in Government from Georgetown University and a Law Degree from Boston University. Howard is a dedicated dad to his three young children (a six year old and twin four year olds). They can usually be found in one of Surfside's parks or choosing from the kids menu at the Surfside Flanigans.

Howard is an Attorney and also serves as an Adjunct Professor teaching Public Administration at Barry University. Howard's public service activities have included assisting couples in building families through the miracle of adoption and serving as a Holocaust survivor interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Foundation. Along with his oldest son, Howard has recently become active with the Cub Scout Pack that holds their meetings at Bay Harbor Elementary.

Howard has served as the Town's Vice Mayor for the past two years. During his term of office, he was the Commission Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee and to the Green Advisory Committee. Additionally, he has been a Legislative Delegate for Grant Acquisitions.

**SEAT #4****Elizabeth Calderon**

Elizabeth Calderon, a Surfside resident and homeowner since 2001, has attended Town Commission meetings for many years. She participated in workshops & public input sessions regarding the Beach Walking Path and Community Center, such as the Charrette. Elizabeth and her Therapy poodle, Marseille, regularly visit patients at Douglas Gardens. Additionally, she reads to elementary school children through Biscayne Bay Kiwanis. Ms. Calderon was elected President of her Homeowners Association in Maryland and later served as President of her Condo Association in Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth began her career as a registered nurse, a graduate of Bellevue Hospital and New York University. She worked for 12 years as a nursing administrator, then as a single parent, she attended law school at night and graduated from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. in 1993. Today, Ms. Calderon owns and manages her own law firm and practices immigration law. She has been admitted to the Bar Associations of the District of Columbia, State of Pennsylvania, and Federal District Court for the District of Columbia. In 2007, she was admitted to the Bar Association of the United States Supreme Court. She has two children, one an attorney and one in law school.

SEAT #4**Randi F. MacBride**

Randi F. MacBride is a retired employee of Bellsouth Telecommunications and is currently employed as an administrative aide by the City of Miami Beach in their Neighborhood Services Department. She was born in Miami Beach where she attended Central Beach Elementary and Ida M. Fisher Junior High schools; graduating from North Miami High School in 1975. She earned her degree in Management Information Systems after attending Miami-Dade Community College and Florida State University.

She has been married to her husband Frank for 26 years and together they made Surfside their home to raise their children over 15 years ago when the older of their two sons was just entering second grade at Bay Harbor Elementary. She spent many years as a Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 320 in Bay Harbor Islands and as a devoted member of the Miami Beach High School Marching Band Parents Association. Randi is currently a member of the Surfside Personnel Appeals Board and is a former member of the Town's Parks and Recreation Committee, as well as Team Surfside.

SEAT #2**Marc Imberman**

Commission Seats 2 & 3 UNOPPOSED!

Officials Elected

Another Two Years

Incumbent Commissioner Marc Imberman – Seat 2 and **Incumbent Commissioner Steven Levine** – Seat 3 drew no opposition and therefore are considered elected for an additional two years.

Please visit the Town website for their biographical information at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.

SEAT #3**Steven Levine**



Surfside Commission Highlights



1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager advised the Commission that the Police Chief, Dave Allen had distributed copies of the Surfside Police Department Activity Report.

The Town Manager reported to the Town Commission that a Finance Director had been hired, scheduled to begin employment February 19th. His name is Martin Sherwood and he has over twenty years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Government Finance Officer. His professional experience includes a number of years directing municipal finance and budget operations.

The Town Manager asked the Town Commission to provide direction on criteria to define the hardship clause associated with the Chain Link Fence Ordinance. Following a lengthy discussion, the Town Commission staid the enforcement of the Chain Link Fence Ordinance and decided to send it back to the Planning and Zoning Board so the members could re-evaluate elements of the Ordinance.

The Following Ordinance was deferred to the March 12, 2008 Commission Meeting for Second Reading:

2. An Ordinance of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending Chapter 90 "Zoning" of the Code of Surfside, Florida by repealing and replacing Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" in its entirety; adopting a new Chapter 90 entitled "Zoning" including adoption of an official Town Zoning Map for all districts; providing for repeal of conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The Following Ordinance was adopted on First Reading:

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Town's adopted Comprehensive Plan to adopt and implement School Concurrency by

adding a Public School Facilities Element; providing for an amendment to the Capital Improvement Element; providing for an amendment to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element; providing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs and all other units of local government for governmental agencies required by law; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicts; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Resolutions were approved at the January 30th Meeting of the Commission:

4. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for holding a General Municipal Election under the date of March 18, 2008 for the Election of Mayor and all four Commissioners of the Town of Surfside. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida appointing the canvassing board for the General Municipal Election to be held March 18, 2008; designating an alternate; establishing a quorum and providing an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

6. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, approving an agreement between the Town of Surfside and the Department of Environmental Protection to provide financial assistance for the Town of Surfside Treatment Trains and Rehabilitation project; and providing an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

7. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, waiving the bid process pursuant to section 3-13(3) of the Town of Surfside Code of Ordinances approving an agreement between the Town of Surfside and Cape Canaveral Scientific, Inc. for Grant Writing Services and piggybacking on the City of Tampa RFP 61020106 and resulting agreement

dated July 27, 2006, authorizing execution of agreement; providing for implementation; providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

8. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the interim Town Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Modular Space Corporation for the lease of six (6) modular buildings, providing for implementation of agreement; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The following Resolutions were approved at the February 12th Meeting:

9. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing the Town Manager to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Miami Dade County School Board for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

10. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, authorizing and directing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement and the Town Clerk and the Chief of Police to execute a joint declaration with the City of Coral Gables. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

12. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing and directing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute an agreement with U.S. Wrecking and Land Clearing, Inc. for the demolition and disposal of the Surfside Community Center Building and all related facilities at 9301 Collins Avenue and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

In other matters...

Officer Joaquin Polanco was recognized as Officer of the Year.

The Town's Legislative budget requests have been presented to the Miami Dade Delegation.

SURFSIDE LIBRARY IS ON THE MOVE!

The Surfside Library closed on Friday, Feb. 29 in order to pack up for its move to a modular unit behind Town Hall. Books loaned prior to Feb. 29 were for a 60 day period.



Until the Library re-opens:

Late fines are suspended
DVD's and CD's are not available
Storytime is cancelled



The Book Drop off box will also be moved to the new site. Please contact the Library (305) 865-2409 for further details.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A CHANGE IN OPERATING HOURS



Residents (and contractors) are advised that new Building Department hours are now in effect.
The Building Department is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SURFSIDE RESIDENTS FREE METERED PARKING PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH SOME CHANGES

The Town Commission will continue free metered parking for Surfside residents with some modifications to the program.

The red colored parking tags currently in use will not expire on March 31st. Their validity has been extended to **September 30, 2008.**

Please note that the following adjustments are now in effect:

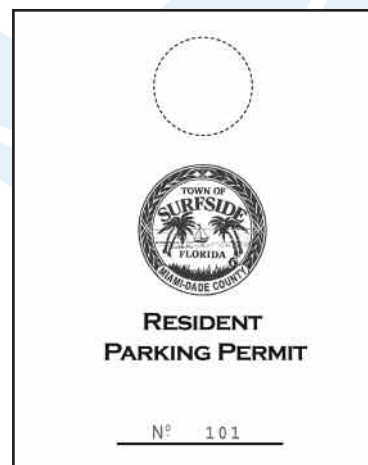
- The Permit is *not* valid at Harding Avenue parking meters (9400 & 9500 blocks)
- Permit parking is limited to 4 hours in any location.
- The Permit cannot be used for all day or overnight parking.
- The Permit is non-transferable.

Parking permits are available at the Surfside municipal building, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The permits should be hung, clearly

visible, from the vehicle's rearview mirror. To obtain a permit, Surfsiders are required to bring **an acceptable proof of residency and their license plate number.** Proof of acceptable residency examples include, but are not limited to:

- Valid Drivers License with Surfside address
- Water bill
- Property tax bill
- Rental or lease agreement



If you have any questions, please call (305) 861-4863 to obtain further information.

Parking Advisory for All Surfsiders

Surfsiders are advised that effective March 1, 2008 the parking lot located on the west side of Collins Avenue and 93rd Street, across the street from the Community Center, is no longer available for public parking.



Surfsiders who wish to visit Town Hall, the Police Department, Community Center and Library modulars may continue to park in the public lot across the street from Town Hall, at 93rd Street & Harding Avenue.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Green Committee Urges Residents To Help Protect S. Florida's Environment

It is quite likely that most of us have many products that we use in our homes on a regular basis that, if improperly disposed of, can lead to pollution of our drinking water. Oil based paints, solvents, pesticides and pool chemicals are just some commonly used items that can be hazardous to the environment.

The Surfside Green Committee encourages all residents to deliver household chemicals to the Miami-Dade County's Chemical Collection Center at 8831 N.W. 58th Street. Normal hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a complete list of acceptable materials and tips for the safe transportation of these goods, please check the County website (Department of Solid Waste Management): www.miamidade.gov/dswm/home_chemical_disposal



GREEN COMMITTEE ADVISORY TIPS

Break off your relationship with mail order catalogs – use the internet if you still want to use mail order.

- Every American receives about 63 mailbox-clogging catalogs per year.
- U.S. catalog production uses 53 million trees and enough water to fill 81,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools each year.
- Americans waste about 8 hrs per year dealing with junk mail.
- Keeping your eyes off glossy pages filled with shiny bobbles might mean fewer impulse buys.



Some websites that will get you off commercial mailing lists:

- Catalog Choice <http://www.idealbite.com/wannatry/0111catalog>
- DirectMail.com <http://www.idealbite.com/wannatry/0111direct>
- OptOutPrescreen.com <http://www.idealbite.com/wannatry/0111opt>
- EcoLogical Mail Coalition <http://www.idealbite.com/wannatry/0111ecological>
- Native Forest Network's Guide <http://www.idealbite.com/wannatry/0111native>

Use low-sudsing detergent and front loading.

- Some brands of low sudsing detergent are: Fab, Fresh Start, Amway SA8, Tide HE, Wisk HE and Equator.
- Also, a front loading dishwasher uses significantly less water and energy than a top loader.



Stop inhaling VOC fumes - use natural paints instead!

- VOCs (volatile organic compounds) are released even after the paint's dry, and harsh ingredients in regular paints such as benzene and formaldehyde can trigger asthma and allergies, so go for low-VOC.
- A gallon of conventional paint, when thrown away, can seep into the earth and pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.
- Natural paints come in every color under the sun - some even from pigments of charcoal or food-grade ingredients like milk.



Mayor's View

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away by some members on our Commission, during the last meeting, for allegedly being political. My thanks to the majority of Commission members who wanted this column to continue.

For the record, while I have always written to you in my voice and with my "view" of what was happening, I've always seen it as an inside look for our

residents and not a platform from which to campaign.

Just to be on the safe side and not provide any fuel for political fodder, I will choose this month to reserve my comments on the accomplishments I believe have been made, and on the current challenges we face. Instead, I will leave them to be considered in the political mail I suspect you will be inundated with this month.

My hope is that you will judge all of the candidates for elected office by both

their deeds and their words. That personal attacks and anonymous or last minute communications that do not allow for rebuttal, will be judged accordingly, and that you will get all of your questions answered so you can vote with full confidence in your choices.

All the best,

Charlie

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Albert Tricomi

On a personal level, Albert Tricomi is a friendly, warm, generous, and always calm individual who is genuinely ready to give advice and help whenever he is asked by anybody. He has two grown children, both very distinguished in their own careers; his daughter is a psychiatrist in New York and his son is a university professor at the State University of New York (SUNY). He has 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

On a professional level, Albert has had many interesting careers such as, in the field of Law Enforcement, he was Professor Emeritus at Fordham University. He was also an administrator of the Catholic Charities, here in Florida, and he has served as President

of the Board at Ocean Park Condominium in Miami Beach, and has been a Board member at Marbella Condominium, specializing in Parliamentary duties.

He is a distinguished Veteran who served honorably in World War II, while stationed in the South Pacific.

He is married to Delphine, who is a former nun. She joins him in all his activities and shares his interests in attending many types of cultural and sporting events such as the Opera, theater, concerts, football, gourmet dining, and dancing. For their travel adventures, they enjoy cruising. Albert & Delphine also belong to a reading club, poetry club and music club, among others.



Albert Tricomi

You could not imagine that this gentle and sweet individual is going to celebrate his 90th birthday in a few months from now.

We are delighted that this wonderful couple has chosen the Town of Surfside as their home.



SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is *"The Last Flight of Jose Luis Balboa"* by Gonzolo Barr. Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion. Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: kimjo614@the-beach.net



THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER

10200 Biscayne Blvd.

Hours of Operation: Call (305) 795-2241, or check www.miamishoresvillage.com.

Bus Service Schedule Available: www.townofsidesidefl.gov

Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED on Mar. 23 & 24, 2008.



SURFSIDE BEACH CLUB

(March)

Rental Hours & Fees

Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fees: Lounge Chairs

Umbrellas

Residents

Non-resident

Residents

Non-residents

\$3.00 for 3 hours or less; \$4.00 Full day

\$6.00 for 3 hours or less; \$9.00 Full day

\$2.00 for 3 hours or less; \$3.00 Full day

\$4.00 for 3 hours or less; \$7.00 Full day



For Surfside Residents only: The 1st chair & umbrella rental is **free** for the day, per group/family. The fees listed above will apply for additional chair and umbrella rentals.



second annual
**surfside
arts**
festival

95th Street from Collins
Ave to Abbott Ave.
Two Blocks of Art Booths!

Stage is at Collins
and 95th Street
Musicians, dancers and more!

March 29-30, 2008
95th Street - between Abbott and Collins
11:00a.m to 6:00 p.m.

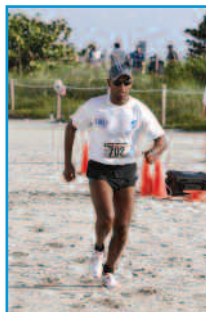
**Visual Arts • Mixed Media
Wearable Arts • Vintage Collectables
Ceramics • Photography
Music & Dance Performances
Arts and Crafts**

Surfside Merchant Coupon Books with great Discounts!

*For a call-to-artists application or more information
call 305.573.6477 or email surfsidevents@hotmail.com*

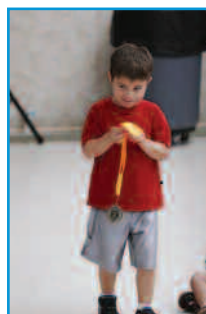
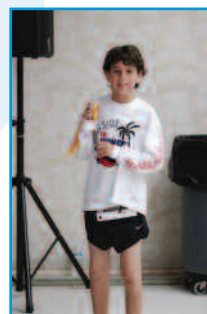
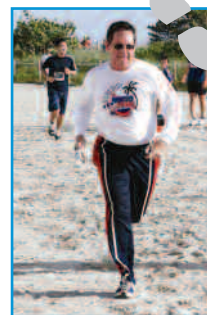
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5-K Run/Walk



Finish Line

(More 5-K Run/Walk photos may be viewed on the Town website)



Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Summer Camp 2008

The Town of Surfside is proud to announce our 2008 Summer Camp. Your child's summer will be filled with activities such as Arts and Crafts, Football, Soccer, and much more. With awesome field trips, but not limited to, Wannado City, Palladium, Bowling and plenty of Water Parks.

Note: There has been various changes to the Registration Dates and Prices.

Summer Camp (No Camp July 4th)

Session weeks cannot be combined

Full Session: June 9 - August 1 = (8 weeks)

Fees: Surfside Residents \$ 350.00 Non-Resident \$ 800.00

Included: 2 shirts per camper

Session I: June 9 - July 3 = (4 weeks)

Fees: Surfside Residents \$ 225.00 Non-Residents \$ 450.00

Included: 1 Shirt per camper

Session II: July 7 - August 1 = (4 weeks)

Fees: Surfside Residents \$ 225.00 Non-Residents \$ 450.00

Included: 1 shirt per camper

Extended Camp: August 4 - August 15 = (2weeks)

Fees: Surfside Residents \$ 85.00 Non-Residents \$ 200.00

Included: 1 shirt per camper

Ages: 6—12 (Child must turn 6 by September 1, 2008)

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00am—6:00pm

(A late charge of \$5.00 will be assessed for every 5 minutes after 6:00pm)

Registration

Monday thru Thursday

9:00am—6:00pm

Friday thru Sunday

9:00am—4:00pm

1. Permanent Surfside Residents:

April 14th

2. Non-Residents

May 27th

Deadline to register for Summer Camp

June 4th

Registration spaces are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Everyone must present a proof of residence such as a current water bill, lease or electric bill, no driver licenses will be accepted as proof of residency.

Proof of Insurance is mandatory at the time of registration. A payment for the first two weeks of Field Trips must be paid in CASH at the time of registration in order for your child to attend, please bring approximately \$80.00 additional dollars in cash per camper.

For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce our 2008 Teen Travel Camp. The camp is provided for children between the ages of 12 – 15 years old. The teen camp will provide an opportunity for children to enjoy their summer by participating in age appropriate activities for teens.

Requirements for Teen Travel Camp:

- Campers must be between the ages of 12 – 15 before the start of summer camp
 - Campers must be able to swim
 - Campers must have proof of insurance
- Space is limited to 20 campers



June 9—August 1 (No Camp July 4th)

**Teen camp will only take place three days a week
= Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**

FEES: \$100 Registration Fee Surfside Residents (8 week session)
 \$225 Registration Fee Non-Residents (8 week session)
 Fee includes two t-shirts. Field trips must be paid in cash at least two weeks in advance. Teens will not be permitted to attend any other trips other than teen trips.

Camp meets Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays (Times based on trips)

Registration:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 – 6:00 pm
Friday through Sunday 9:00 – 4:00 pm

1. Permanent Surfside Residents
2. Bay Harbor / Bal Harbor Campers of 2007, Surfside store owners
3. All others:

April 21st
May 5th
May 27th



FEE IS TO BE PAID IN FULL AT REGISTRATION

A payment for the first two weeks of Field Trips must be paid in CASH at the time of registration in order for your child to attend. Approximately \$100.00 per camper. Field Trip permission slips will be distributed on Fridays. Field Trips must be paid in full on Mondays, at least two weeks prior. Fees are payable only in cash on Mondays. NO REFUNDS ON FIELD TRIPS.

Field trips to include: Rapids, bowling, laser tag, snorkeling, paint ball, go karts, knee boarding and more!

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Storybook Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

96TH STREET PARK

9572 BAY DRIVE



FEATURING YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS:

"Honey Bear"	10:30 — 11:00
"Diego's Friend the Explorer"	11:30 — 12:00
"Tig Tiger"	12:30 — 1:00
"Diego"	1:30 — 2:00



Children's Activities & Entertainment
Arts and crafts, Face Painting, Music

Light Refreshments will be served

Free for Surfside residents and accompanied guests Non-Residents: Adults \$6.00 and Children \$3.00

For further information contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16, 2008

10:00 am - Noon

96th Street Park

9572 Bay Drive



Egg Hunt Ages 12 and under

3 and under	11:00 am
4,5,6	11:10 am
7,8,9	11:20 am
10,11,12	11:30 am



Free for Surfside Residents Only. Residents must bring proof of residency.
Guest must be accompanied by a Town Resident.

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (305) 866-3635

or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Senior Performing Arts Trip "Footloose"

"A celebration of youthful independence..Genuine artistry and innovation..terrific tunes." -Variety

Nominated for 4 Tony Awards and has the potential to become the next Grease with its high energy, exuberant entertainment bursting to life with music, romance, and dance. One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory, the FOOTLOOSE soundtrack was #1 on the billboard charts.

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

At the Actor's Playhouse in Coral Gables

Buses leave promptly at Noon from the Community Center
Buses will return approximately at 6:00pm

Cost: \$15 Residents / \$ 30 Non-Residents
(Transportation included. Proper dress attire required.)

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Last Day to register will be Friday, March 7th. Registration will be held at the Town of Surfside Community Center Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00 am—4:45 pm. Proof of Residency is required at the time of registration. For more information, contact the Community Center at 305-866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Town of Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins

Kids and Adults come and join the Town of Surfside for a night out at a ball game with the Florida Marlins!

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Transportation provided to and from the stadium. Bus will depart from the Community Center (9301 Collins) at 4:00 pm SHARP. Game will start at 6:10pm. Buses will return to the Community Center at approximately 10:00pm.

Limited to 40 Tickets

Tickets may be purchased at the Surfside Community Center in advance. Purchase deadline is Friday, March 21, 2008.

Ticket Price:

Bullpen Box—(Formerly known as Terrace Box) Section 106

Rows 14-16 \$20.00 includes Admission and Transportation All kids under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
(Tickets are Non-Refundable)

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

Parks & Recreation Department

Please note:

The Surfside Parks & Recreation Department current programming is subject to change, depending on the proposed building deconstruction timeline.

Every effort will be made to maintain the continuity of programming, although the relocation of classes to alternative facilities may be necessary, depending upon program requirements.

Senior Programs

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice Senior Programs are TEMPORARILY On Hold until the Community Center has moved to the modulares. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for upcoming programming dates.

Adult Classes and Programs

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice Adult classes will be on a "pay as you go" basis. Please see the attendant on duty for daily program information.

Yogalates: Resident \$5 / Non-Resident \$8 (per person, per class)

Thursday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Yoga: Resident \$5 / Non-Resident \$8 (per person, per class)

Monday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Pilates: Resident \$5 / Non-Resident \$8 (per person, per class)

Tuesday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Zumba: Resident \$5 / Non-Resident \$8 (per person, per class)

Monday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday

Drop In Program

7:00 - 8:00 pm



Youth Classes and Programs

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice Youth classes are TEMPORARILY On Hold until the Community Center has moved to the modulares. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for upcoming programming dates.

The following Kidokinetics programs will CONTINUE to be held at the 96th Street Park:

Kidokinetics "Tot" Program: Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 (per session = 8 weeks)

Monday (Ages 2 - 4)

March 10 - May 12

9:15 - 10:00 am

No class March 24 & March 31



Kidokinetics: Resident \$56 / Non-Resident \$70 (per session = 7 weeks)

Thursday (Ages 3 - 5)

March 6 - April 24

4:30 - 5:15 pm

No class April 3



MARCH GAME ROOM HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Surfside Tennis Center

The Tennis Center will be CLOSED March 23, 2008 (Easter Sunday)

The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:



Monday - Thursday	8:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday - Sunday	8:30 am to 5:30 pm



"Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm.
Thursday	Adult	8:00 am - 10:30 pm
Fee: \$9 per person for residents, • \$10 non-resident per person		



"Sign Up Doubles"

Wednesday	Adult / Juniors	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Reservations Required		
Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 non-residents per person.		



"Match making services available. Let us make a tennis match for you"

For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.

Miami-Dade Adult Education Classes

January 7, 2008 - April 24, 2008 Schedule

Location: Surfside Community Center

Please note that the schedule is subject to change,
pending the proposed building deconstruction timeline.



Yoga		
Tuesday	10:30 - Noon	Ages: Adults
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 55 +
Thursday	10:30 - Noon	Ages: Adults
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Ages: 55 +

Drawing & Painting

Beginners	Thursday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: 55 +
Intermediate	Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 pm	Ages: 55 +



Current Events

Monday	10:00 - Noon	Ages: Adult
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Call the Recreation Department 305-866-3635 for scheduling information.
Please call Miami-Dade County Public Schools for Fees 305-531-0451.

Surfside's Police Officer Of The Year: Joaquin Polanco

At the Commission meeting on January 30, 2008 Police Chief, Dave Allen, named **Joaquin Polanco** as the Surfside Police Department's Officer of the Year. In front of an audience comprised of Joaquin's proud family members, his professional colleagues, elected officials and area residents, Chief Allen outlined the outstanding accomplishments of Officer Polanco during the past year.

On April 14th, 2007 Officer Polanco responded to the area of the Best Western Hotel after a tourist was awakened by an intruder inside her hotel room. The intruder fled and a description was given out. Officer Polanco observed a subject matching the description in the area and detained him. The tourist was unable to positively identify the subject. Officer Polanco was not satisfied with the reason for the subject being in the area and arrested him for loitering and prowling. A subsequent investigation revealed that a second hotel room had been burglarized earlier in the evening and the subject was charged with two counts of burglary. Officer Polanco received Officer of the Month for the month of April.

On August 10, 2007 Officer Polanco self-initiated an investigation of three subjects that had a large amount of copper on the hard pack area of the beach.

The investigation revealed that the subjects had just stolen the sheets from a construction site in Miami Beach, which produced three arrests for Miami Beach Police Department. The subjects had been stopped by Officer Polanco initially due to the recent burglaries at construction sites in our town and most likely prevented further crime in our town. Officer Polanco also assisted during the month of August with the arrest of a subject that had just committed two car burglaries at the 300 block of 92 Street. Officer Polanco received Officer of the Month for the month of August.

On November 15th, 2007 Officer Polanco was dispatched to a bank robbery on Harding Ave. Enroute to the location a "be on the lookout (BOLO)" description was given over the radio. Officer Polanco observed a male matching the description carrying a brown paper bag walking northbound on 96th Street. Officer Polanco immediately ordered the suspect to the ground and apprehended the suspect, who was later positively identified as the bank robber by a bank employee. Officer Polanco received the Officer of the Month for the month of November, making it a total of three times during 2007 that he received the award.

Officer Polanco issued 1,367 traffic citations, made 23 felony arrests, and 39

misdeemeanor arrests for the year. He has also been recognized on many occasions by citizens and supervisors for his professional and courteous service to the community. He has successfully completed the Police Bicycle, Police ATV, Police Rifle, and Officer Survival training courses. In addition, he is one of three finalists for the prestigious Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Patrol Officer of the Year award and has been nominated for Miami-Dade Rookie Officer of the Year award. Most remarkable, Joaquin has only been a police officer for just over a year. He has proven himself to be an exceptional individual who excels at both proactive and community policing, and exemplifies the new Surfside police officer.



From (L-R): Sgt. **Orlando Laso**, Sgt. **Loxley Arch**, Assistant Police Chief **John Di Censo**, Mrs. **Ashley Polanco** & Officer **Joaquin Polanco** with their son **Joshua**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, and Police Chief **Dave Allen**.

Surfside PD Recognizes Julio Torres As Officer Of The Month

At the Commission meeting held on February 12th, the Surfside Police Department honored **Julio Torres** as



(L-R) Police Chief, **Dave Allen**, Officer **Julio Torres** & Lieutenant **Rolando Baldomero**.

Officer of the Month. Officer Torres is the first Surfside Police Officer to become a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team member. He accomplished this by passing a grueling three week training course which was attended by officers from multiple agencies. Many officers failed the course. Only the most physically fit and mentally strong graduated. Officer Torres successfully qualified with several firearms (pistol, rifle, shotgun, and submachine gun). He also completed training in tactical building searches, barricaded subjects, hostage incidents, and felony vehicle takedowns. Officer Torres will

continue his SWAT training with the Miami Beach SWAT Team.

Officer Torres is the police department's self defense and non-lethal weapon instructor. He has a black belt in martial arts and recently won two gold medals at the Police and Fire Olympics for submission grappling (another first for the Surfside Police Department). His new tactical and firearm training, and experience, will be shared with his fellow police officers. For these accomplishments, Officer Julio Torres was awarded Officer of the Month.

Registration In Progress For Surfside Citizens Police Academy

A new Citizens Police Academy 10 week course begins March 27, 2008. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Town Hall, in the Police Training Room. Participants will gain a greater understanding of police duties, their training, and the skill level required, given the life and death decisions they can be faced with.

Lively discussions, debate and laughter are guaranteed as the class examines a multitude of current law enforcement issues. Those who enroll will also have the opportunity for hands on experience at the police driving range and firearms range.

For more details, please contact Surfside Police Department Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores at (305) 861-

4862. Registration forms are available at the Surfside Police Department (Dispatch) and online at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov. On the left side of the Home page, look under Quick Links. Scroll down and click on the Surfside Police Department.

Class size is limited. Don't be disappointed. Registration closes March 20, 2008.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SURFSIDE RESIDENTS



As enticing as the ocean may be, dogs are not allowed on the beach or walking path.

If you bring your dog to the beach this is a viola-

tion of a County Ordinance.

Please note that the Surfside Police and Code Compliance Departments are asking for your cooperation and will be issuing courtesy warnings.

The Surfside Police Department invites *Residents & Business Owners* to attend a

Crime Prevention Workshop

Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:30 p.m.

TOPIC:

**"Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design"
Business Applications
(lighting, landscaping, door openings etc.)**

LOCATION:

**Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue
2nd Floor, Police Training Room**

Light refreshments will be served.

**For further information, please contact Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator,
Wanda Flores at (305) 861-4862 ext. 283.**



SOUTH FLORIDIANS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (I.C.E.)

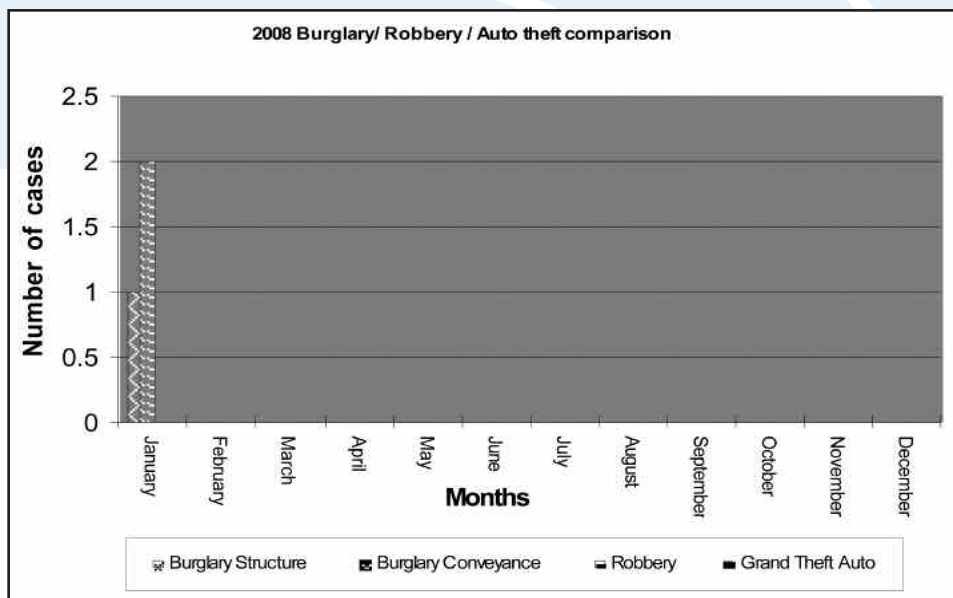


Local residents who hold a current Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card may choose to participate in a new emergency contact information (I.C.E.) service being offered by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

It is now possible to go on-line and enter two emergency contacts on your Florida Drivers License which can only be retrieved by a police officer. If you are involved in an accident and you are incapacitated, the police will be able to run the Drivers License and know immediately which of your family members or loved ones to contact. This information may save crucial time in the event you are involved in a critical situation. Your personal information in Florida motor vehicle and driver records is blocked in accordance with the Driver Privacy Protection Act.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please go to the DHSMV website:

www.hsmv.state.fl.us, click on Driver License Full Service Menu, and select Emergency Contact Information.



SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS Monthly Activity by Classification

CLASSIFICATION.....	DEC	JAN	+/-
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY	1	0	-1
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS.....	1	0	-1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	1	1	0
BURGLARY STRUCTURE.....	0	1	1
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE	1	2	1
GRAND THEFT	0	2	2
FRAUD	4	0	-4
ROBBERY	0	0	0
GRAND THEFT AUTO	0	0	0
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....	8	6	-2
BATTERY SIMPLE	6	6	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	4	5	1
THEFT UNDER.....	6	10	4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.....	4	0	-4
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE.....	3	3	0
TOTAL PART II CRIMES	23	24	1
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	436	723	287
ARRESTS	35	67	32
PARKING CITATIONS	639	534	-105

March 2008 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 PM

Surfside Town Commission ELECTION is Tue., Mar. 18

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY is Wed., Mar. 19 at 8:00 pm

"Meet the Town Manager Candidates" PUBLIC RECEPTION is Mon., Mar. 24 at 6:00 pm

TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS are Tues., Mar. 25, 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Tourist Bureau.....First Monday of the Month, at 6:00 pm (03/03/08)

Education Committee.....First Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 pm (03/04/08)

Green Committee.....First Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 pm (03/05/08)

Music on the Beach.....Mar. 2

Storybook Festival.....Mar. 8

Spring Egg Hunt.....Mar. 16

2nd Annual Art & Craft Festival.....Mar. 29 & 30

March 23, 2008 (Easter Sunday)

NO regularly scheduled programming at the Community Center

Beach Club will be OPEN.

Tennis Center will be CLOSED.

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change. To verify the information, contact Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, visit the Website www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or tune in to Cable Channel 77.or tune in to Cable Channel 77.

Town Commission

Charles W. Burkett	Mayor
Howard S. Weinberg	Vice Mayor
Marc Imberman	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Mark Blumstein	Commissioner

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Town Officials

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Beatris Arguelles	Town Clerk
Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

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Business Numbers

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Community Center	(305) 866-3635
Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

Emergency Only

Fire/Police	(305) 861-1115
All Other:	(305) 861-4862

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